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SUBJECT: BACKGROUND TO TREE CUTTING

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1. REFTEL REPORTED THAT SEVERAL DAYS BEFORE AUGUST 18 INCIDENT SOUTH KOREAN MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL EXAMINED TREE AND WERE TOLD BY KPA GUARDS TO LEAVE TREE ALONE. REFTEL ALSO STATED THAT DECISION WAS SUBSEQUENTLY MADE TO CUT TREE ON AUGUST 18 AND KPA SO INFORMED.

2. IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT WE HAVE ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND DETAILS ON TREE CUTTING PRIOR TO TESTIMONY BEFORE CONGRESS SEPTEMBER 1. U.S. PRESS HAS REPORTED NORTH KOREAN CHARGES THAT ON AUGUST 6 THEY WARNED UNC AGAINST CUTTING TREE. WE NEED TO KNOW: WHEN INITIAL KPA WARNING GIVEN, SUBSTANCE OF WARNING AND WHEN AND HOW WE INFORMED KPA OF OUR DECISION TO TRIM THE TREE. KISSINGER

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